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What is the Sexuality of G-d

In the **previous article (https://www.patheos.com/blogs/reclaimingthetruth/wp-admin/post.php?post=690&action=edit)**, we established that G-d is androgynous in gender. If G-d is androgynous, then what is the sexuality of G-d?

What is the Sexuality of G-d in the Torah?

Bisexual

While some people may think of discussing G-d's sexuality as blasphemy, the authors of The Bible did not believe so. The Bible has a lot to say on the topic.

In the Torah, we see G-d as married to all of Israel, both male and female. Indeed, the **Song of Songs (https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Song%20of%20Songs%201&version=NIV)** has G-d speak of taking their lover, Israel, into their bed

"Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth—
for your love is more delightful than wine.
3 Pleasing is the fragrance of your perfumes;
your name is like perfume poured out.
No wonder the young women love you!
4 Take me away with you—let us hurry!
Let the king bring me into his chambers."

In this example, G-d is bisexual as Israel contains both men and women.

Pansexual

However, to definitively answer the question of what is the sexuality of G-d, we need to look at other examples of G-d's sexuality in The Bible. G-d describes themself as **having birthed Israel from their womb. (https://www.sefaria.org/Isaiah.46?lang=bi&with=all&lang2=en)**

"Listen to Me, O House of Jacob,
All that are left of the House of Israel,
Who have been carried since birth,
Supported since leaving the womb:
Till you grow old, I will still be the same;
When you turn gray, it is I who will carry;
I was the Maker, and I will be the Bearer;"

That implies G-d was at some point pregnant. So, who is the father? G-d often refers to themself as Israel's father as well. **Deuteronomy 1:31 (https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Deuteronomy%201%3A31&version=NIV)** says, "[31] and in the wilderness. There you saw how the Lord your God carried you, as a father carries his son, all the way you went until you reached this place." If G-d was pregnant, birthed a child, and was both mother and father, this is an example of asexual reproduction in The Bible. In this example, we see that G-d's sexuality is fluid. G-d can and does play both the male and female roles in sexual relations. G-d is not bound to sexual relations with only one gender, as G-d is androgynous in gender. In this sense, we might say that G-d is pansexual, able to have sexual relations with all genders.

Heteropoly

Further proof of G-d's sexuality is that in addition to his metaphorical marriage to Israel, archaeology suggests that G-d had a goddess as a wife. William G. Dever, in his book ***Did God Have A Wife? Archaeology And Folk Religion In Ancient Israel (https://www.amazon.com/Have-Archaeology-Religion-Ancient-Israel/dp/0802828523),*** explains that we have found inscriptions of people worshipping "Yahweh and his Asherah" in ancient Israel. Of course, The Torah we have today prohibits the worship of anyone, but G-d. However, scholars believe this is because Asherah was purposely written out by a patriarchal society. Whatever the reason, if G-d did or does have a wife and also proclaims to be married to Israel, G-d is a polygamist. That shouldn't be shocking as most men in The Torah had multiple wives. Further, this does show G-d in a traditional heterosexual relationship with one other being, which is in contrast to the examples we have examined thus far.

What is the Sexuality of G-d in The New Testament?

Lesbian

Finally, The New Testament tells a **story of the Holy Spirit coming upon Mary and impregnating her. (https://biblehub.com/luke/1-35.htm)** As we established in ***Do Spirits Have Genders According to The Bible?*** **(https://www.patheos.com/blogs/reclaimingthetruth/2023/05/do-spirits-have-genders-according-to-the-bible/) The Holy Spirit is feminine. (https://biblehub.com/hebrew/7307.htm)** The word Ruach is feminine in Hebrew and The Spirit functions as a messenger between G-d and a prophet. She is seen to have creative and sanctifying power. These powers are considered feminine. So, that means that when The Spirit comes upon Mary the union is that of two females. In this example, G-d's sexuality would then be Lesbian.

Clearly, G-d has a wide range of sexuality in The Bible. Therefore, in today's language, we would say that G-d is pansexual and poly. G-d doesn't choose who they love based on their gender. Rather, G-d loves all their creation. Do not judge those who love freely without boundaries, for they are acting in the nature of our G-d, who is love.

This is the last article in a series of four. Please, click **here (https://www.patheos.com/blogs/reclaimingthetruth/)** and read the previous three articles, if you have not already done so. Please, also read my **book (https://www.amazon.com/Faith-Under-Rainbow-Reclaiming-Homosexuality/dp/B09P8BW89K)** for more information about sexuality in The Bible.

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